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Feature on the pin setter project designed and built by Gene W. Poor.

As a senior at Kent State University, Gene W. Poor—working with longtime friend David Nagy—designed and constructed a fully functioning one-third-scale bowling alley complete with an automatic pin setter. Poor traveled home on weekends to build the project piece by piece, applying creativity, mechanical problem-solving, and hands-on engineering to bring the design to life.

The miniature alley quickly drew public attention for its craftsmanship and ingenuity, and became an early example of Poor's lifelong pattern: identifying a challenge, imagining what others hadn't, and building something remarkable from scratch.

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A feature on Gene W. Poor's one-third-scale bowling alley and automatic pin setter built as a senior at Kent State University.